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Investigator: Brad Morton

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 - 81134

Date: 8/13/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Douglas J. Last: Downing

Account Name: Douglas J. Downing

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: n/a

Work: [REDACTED]

City: n/a

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 00000

is:

Utility Company: Sonoita Valley Water Company

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

Docket No W 20435A-09-0296/ W 20435A-09-0298

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: Doug Downing [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 9:23 PM

To: Bradley Morton

Subject: Feedback on the Sonoita Valley Water Company

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Mr. Morton,

I am writing to you to provide public comment on the Sonoita Valley Water Company (SVWC). The Sonoita Valley Water Company provides water to many residents residing in Sonoita Arizona, located in Santa Cruz County. I am very concerned with several recent actions by the water district owner, Mr. E.H. Lewis.

On June 24, 2009 during a public town hall meeting in Sonoita, Mr. Lewis announced his plan to push the residents into forming a "domestic water improvement district (DWID)". I was in attendance at this meeting with my mother and our neighbors. I own property that is currently serviced by SVWC. My mother, Claire Downing is a long term resident of Sonoita, and is serviced by the SVWC.

My mother and I do not want a DWID, we oppose it's formation. The vast majority of residents and customers of the SVWC do not want to form a DWID. Mr. Lewis bought the SVWC for pennies on the dollar from one of his buddies who was desperate for cash due to a business deal gone wrong. Mr. Lewis has invested very little capital in the SVWC and is also trying to push through a large price increase in water rates. Mr. Lewis sent out a letter dated June 30, 2009 to Sonoita residents with his version of the town hall meeting. This letter which is basically meeting minutes is misleading and is biased toward his Mr. Lewis's plans.

This is a bad situation which is progressively getting worse for the consumers of the SVWC. Mr. Lewis, in my opinion, is using the threat of rate increases to intimidate his customers so they will want to believe a DWID

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would be beneficial to them. I believe this is Mr. Lewis's exit plan from the SVWC. Mr. Lewis in my opinion, wants to unload the SVWC because it requires a lot more work and capital that he anticipated. I am asking the Arizona Corporate Commission to not authorize a rate increase for the SVWC. And furthermore prohibit the formation of a DWID.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and I look forward to your feedback.

Regards,
Douglas J. Downing

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End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

From: Bradley Morton
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 7:45 AM
To: 'Doug Downing'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Feedback on the Sonoita Valley Water Company

Mr Downing,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your opinion, I will docket it and all Commissioners will receive a copy.

Regards,

Bradley Morton
End of Comments

Date Completed: 8/13/2009

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